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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 19, 2007, said period of response being extended from December 19, 2007 to February 19, 2008.

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